



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 26, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Increase In Change Order Authority For The Loma Alta Hill Sidewalk Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize an increase in the Public Works Director's change order authority to approve expenditures for extra work for the Loma Alta Hill Sidewalk Project (Project), Contract No. 23,816, in the amount of \$70,000, for a total project expenditure authority of \$662,316.

DISCUSSION:

BACKGROUND

The Project is located along the northeast side of Loma Alta Drive between Coronel and Canon Perdido Streets. The work consists of the construction of sidewalk and the installation of streetlighting, linking two portions of the City where no pedestrian facilities currently exist. Sidewalks will provide pedestrian passage from the West Side to the Mesa, to beaches, to City College, and residential areas to the east.

This Project is funded by the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), with a minor portion of City matching funds. On June 1, 2009, the Federal Highway Administration authorized the expenditure of \$1,123,976 in grant funds for the construction phase of the Project.

On August 18, 2009, Council awarded the construction contract to Lash Construction Inc., in the amount of \$493,566 for construction of the Project, Bid No. 3436, plus a change order authority of \$98,750, for a total contract amount of \$592,316.

The awarded contract amount was significantly below the approved federal obligation for this Project. As a result, both Caltrans Local Assistance and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments encouraged City staff to explore whether the

Project could be expanded to enhance the benefit to the public and further expend the grant funds.

CURRENT STATUS

Additional work has been selected by City staff and agreed by Caltrans as eligible for grant funding reimbursement. Proposed extra work includes road resurfacing prior to the re-opening of Loma Alta Drive and the reconstruction of sidewalk and the installation of access ramps and three new streetlights adjacent to McKinley School.

The original change order authority of \$98,750 is sufficient to cover items typically associated with minor extra work items and differences between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities measured for payment. These items to date include thickened sidewalk slabs for sidewalk abutting the slope, extra retaining wall placement, and extra foundation work associated with placement of the new streetlights.

To construct the McKinley School work, the Project change order authority would need to be increased by \$70,000.

FUNDING

This Project is funded by the FTIP at 88.53%, with the City providing matching funds at 11.47%. The Federal funds obligated for this Project have been previously appropriated by Council. If approved, the City's match for the proposed extra work will increase by \$8,029, from \$67,939 to \$75,968.

The following summarizes the additional expenditures recommended in this report:

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FUNDING SUMMARY

	Total	Federal Share (88.53%)	City Share (11.47%)
Base Contract Amount	\$493,566	\$436,954	\$56,612
Change Order Authorization	\$98,750	\$87,423	\$11,327
Additional Work Adjacent to McKinley School	\$70,000	\$61,971	\$8,029
Total	\$662,316	\$586,348	\$75,968

It is recommended that the change order authority be increased by \$70,000, from \$98,750 to \$168,750, to cover additional work identified in this report. If approved, the total Project expenditure authority will be increased to \$662,316.

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Streets Capital Fund to cover the City's portion of the recommended extra work items.

PREPARED BY: John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer/TC/mj

SUBMITTED BY: Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office